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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 463,400 IN NOVEMBER

Rhode Island's overall establishment employment rose for the fourth consecutive month to a new record high level of 463,400 in November, resulting from gains in the Manufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island's current employment level represents an increase of 100 jobs from the October figure and is 3,400 higher than the November 1987 total of 460,000.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment rose 200 in the October-November period. Nevertheless, the current factory level of 117,200 is 800 below the year ago figure of 118,000. In the Durable Goods category, the November employment total of 80,600 decreased 100 compared to the previous month and was 800 less than the figure reported a year ago. However, employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries rose 300 from October to a level of 36,600 in November; this was equal to the year earlier Nondurable Goods total.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains of 100 each were recorded in Transportation Equipment and Jewelry-Silverware. These increases were more than offset by monthly downturns of 100 each in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. Payroll levels in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from last month. On an annual comparison, employment upturns were registered

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND A WORD OF THANKS TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

John S. Renza, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to the Rhode Island employer community and to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is extended to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month. Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours and workers earnings become the basis for both state and national reports and statistics prepared and published by this Department.

The Department of Employment Security will continue its efforts to publish accurate and timely data every month to assist users of the Employment Bulletin in reaching decisions and planning for future employment needs.

To all, a Happy and prosperous New Year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road Middletown	847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St	
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
Temporary Help	277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Oliver Stedman Gov't. Center Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-9624
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.	828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK	277-3588
TJTC Information	277-3726
TJTC Job Orders	277-3726
Employer Relations Unit	277-3458
Jobs for Rhode Island Graduates	277-6813
CALL-A-TEEN	
Call your local Job Service Office	
Project STEADY	277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov 1988	Oct 1988	Nov 1987
Total Placements	546	695	678
New Applications	2,158	1,721	2,032
New Openings Received	1,114	1,258	1,257

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	% Change Oct.1988
Initial Claims	6,037	4,909	+ 23.0
No. of Payments	32,166	30,829	+ 4.3
Amt. of Payment	$ 5,356,761	$ 4,976,719	+ 7.6
Exhaustions	728	748	- 2.7

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov.. 1987
Initial Claims	3,487	3,456	2,824
No. of Payments	24,194	26,486	25,997
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,153,497	$ 4,557,493	$ 4,217,670

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	November 1988	October 1988	November 1987
Civilian Labor Force	534.4	527.9	526.1
Unemployment	14.6	13.4	16.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.7	2.5	3.1
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.1	3.0	3.5

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	October 1988	September 1988	October 1987
Civilian Labor Force	344.5	341.7	342.7
Unemployment	8.3	8.2	10.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.4	2.4	3.0

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	October 1988	September 1988	October 1987
Civilian Labor Force	169.9	166.3	168.9
Unemployment	5.4	5.2	5.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.2	3.1	3.4

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	October 1988	September 1988	October 1987
Civilian Labor Force	36,445	37,065	35,845
Unemployment	755	770	840
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.1	2.1	2.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND NOVEMBER 14-18, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	8,869	100.0
Men	4,507	50.8
Under 45	3,257	72.3
45 and Over	1,250	27.7
Women	4,362	49.2
Under 45	2,513	57.6
45 and Over	1,849	42.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,159	13.0
Manufacturing	3,191	36.0
Public Utilities	442	5.0
Wholesale and Retail	1,354	15.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	443	5.0
Service	1,511	17.0
All Other	769	8.7
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,850	20.9
Clerical and Sales	1,902	21.4
Service	534	6.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	104	1.2
Processing	299	3.4
Machine Trades	1,172	13.2
Bench Work	1,068	12.0
Structural Work	1,315	14.8
Miscellaneous	599	6.8
INA	26	0.3

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	463.4	463.3	460.0	+ 100	+ 3,400
MANUFACTURING	117.2	117.0	118.0	+ 200	- 800
NONMANUFACTURING	346.2	346.3	342.0	- 100	+ 4,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	21.2	21.7	20.4	- 500	+ 800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.7	15.8	15.7	- 100	0
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	107.8**	106.6	106.2	+ 1,200	+ 1,600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.3	26.5	25.5	- 200	+ 800
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	116.5**	117.2**	115.1	- 700	+ 1,400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.7	58.5	59.1	+ 200	- 400

1988 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1987 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

**Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1988	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1988	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1988	Nov. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	117.2	117.0	118.0	+ 200	- 800	346.40	333.63	40.0	40.1	8.66	8.32
DURABLE GOODS	80.6	80.7	81.4	- 100	- 800	342.80	330.44	40.0	40.2	8.57	8.22
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 100	414.94	397.96	40.8	40.9	10.17	9.73
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 100	425.86	431.19	40.1	41.5	10.62	10.39
PRIMARY METALS	5.2	5.3	5.3	- 100	- 100	404.74	394.70	40.8	41.2	9.92	9.58
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	8.9	9.0	- 100	- 200	349.44	316.80	39.8	40.0	8.78	7.92
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.2	6.2	6.2 *	0	0	470.01	443.76	43.6	43.0	10.78	10.32
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.6	11.6	11.9	0	- 300	308.10	302.08	39.0	39.8	7.90	7.59
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.1	9.3	+ 100	- 100	450.65	441.10	39.6	40.1	11.38	11.00
INSTRUMENTS	4.8 *	4.8 *	4.8 *	0	0	341.88	334.14	39.8	41.1	8.59	8.13
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.9	23.8	23.8	+ 100	+ 100	276.80	266.93	39.6	40.2	6.99	6.64
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.0	6.1	6.2	- 100	- 200	301.85	283.38	40.3	39.8	7.49	7.12
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.6	36.3	36.6	+ 300	0	354.00	341.20	40.0	40.0	8.85	8.53
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 100	0	320.74	305.18	39.5	38.1	8.12	8.01
TEXTILES	10.2	10.2	10.2	0	0	317.99	304.36	40.1	40.1	7.93	7.59
APPAREL	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	- 200	295.20	289.53	41.0	41.9	7.20	6.91
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 100	318.38	303.20	40.2	40.0	7.92	7.58
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.8	0	+ 100	480.22	448.14	40.8	38.5	11.77	11.64
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	+ 100	425.88	440.08	39.0	40.9	10.92	10.76
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 100	361.49	343.56	40.8	40.9	8.86	8.40
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7 *	4.6 *	4.7	+ 100	0	361.78	337.64	39.8	40.1	9.09	8.42
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.2	2.1	+ 100	+ 200	246.13	240.07	38.1	39.1	6.46	6.14

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in Lumber/Furniture and Jewelry-Silverware (+100 each). In contrast, annual job declines occurred in Electrical Machinery (-300), Fabricated Metals and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-200 each). Also down from their year ago totals were Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals and Transportation Equipment (-100 each). Employment in Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments was unchanged for the twelve month period.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each were reported in Food-Beverage, Plastics Products and Leather Products, while the remaining segments showed no change for the October-November period. Compared to a year ago, employment in Leather Products was up 200, followed by gains of 100 each in Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products. Jobs in the Apparel industry were down 200 from November 1987, while payroll levels in Paper Products and Rubber Products were off by 100 for the same period. Employment in the three remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from the same month a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments decreased 100 from October to November as substantial pre-holiday hiring in Trade was overshadowed by seasonal downturns in several other industries within this sector. However, the November Nonmanufacturing total of 346,200 is 4,200 above the year earlier employment level of 342,000.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector Wholesale and Retail Trade employment recorded the largest monthly job gain (+1,200) as previously mentioned. At 107,800, current Trade employment is also up 1,600 from its year ago level. Total Government employment, at 58,700, rose 200 from the previous month, but was down 400 compared to a year ago. Job levels in Contract Construction, at 21,200, and Services, at 116,500 showed seasonal declines of 500 and 700, respectively. However, on an annual comparison, the former advanced 800 while the latter gained 1,400 jobs. Although employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate was down 200 from last month, the curre total of 26,300 is 800 above the year earlier level. Transportation and Public Utilities jobs were down 100 for the month, but showed no change from the November 1987 figure of 15,700.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers rose by 7 cents to $8.66 in mid-November; this represents a gain of 34 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.4 of an hour in November to 40.0 hours, which was 0.1 of an hour less than the November 1987 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in November amounted to $346.40, representing a gain of $6.24 from last month and $12.77 from the same month a year ago.

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